

In addition to his work as Director of Recreation and Human Services, Mr. Jennings has been an active member of the greater Long Branch community. Serving as a Commissioner of the Long Branch Housing Authority, member of the Monmouth Family Health Center Board of Directors and a member of the Rotary Club of Long Branch, Carl Jennings has established himself as an advocate for the community. His knowledge and commitment to service was also recognized in his appointment to the Monmouth County Youth Services Commission and the 11th Legislative District Economic Recovery Advisory Council Governments Subcommittee.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Carl Jennings on his retirement. It is my honor to recognize his dedicated service to the City of Long Branch and offer my best wishes as he enters this new stage in life.

HONORING PAULINE HO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Pauline Ho was born and educated in Hong Kong and the United States. She is a U.S. CPA in both Florida and Washington, and a U.K. chartered accountant. She has a Bachelor of Science in accounting from Hong Kong Polytechnic University, a master's degree in business administration from Andrews University of Michigan, and a master's degree in accounting from the University of Central Florida.

Pauline began her career with public accounting in one of the big four CPA firms in Hong Kong. During the past 20 years, she has progressed to senior finance positions to cover financial planning and budgeting, corporate finance, controllership, and financial consulting in multiple industries both in the Asia Pacific regions and the United States. In 2008, she opened the doors of Laus Consulting Services to the public—providing accounting, tax, and business consulting services.

Pauline enjoys living and working in a multicultural environment as she has lived in Hong Kong, Sydney, Australia; and the United States. She has also traveled extensively in China, Taiwan, Singapore, and Malaysia during her career. This enables her to build up a solid foundation in international accounting and tax. She is fluent in English, Cantonese, and some Mandarin.

Pauline is very active in the local community as well. She was the president of the Chinese American Association of Central Florida, Central Florida vice chair to the finance and business development committees of the Asian American Federation of Florida, on the Board of Directors of the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra, chair of the Chinese School of CAACF, and chair of the Scholastic Award Committee of Asian American Heritage Council. She is currently the chair of REACH of Central Florida, vice president of Youth En-

richment and Senior Services, as well as treasurer and on the Board of Directors of Mills 50. She is also on the Board of Directors of United Against Poverty and Sharing Center, and CPAs for various nonprofit organizations.

CELEBRATING THE ENGAGEMENT OF KATIE BERG AND TYE COVEY IN NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

### HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of the first of many stories to come out of America's 63rd National Park: New River Gorge National Park and Preserve in West Virginia.

On April 15, 2022, a young couple whose all-American love story began in the Midwest and flourished in our nation's capital chose to start the rest of their lives together while hiking the Beauty Mountain Trail.

It was a cool and quiet evening when Tye Covey and Katie Berg took in a sunset from the overlook.

As Tye searched for the words to match the wondrous moment, the Lord touched his heart. He said, "I explained to Katie how great it is that I get to spend every day with my best friend, and I asked her if she'd like to do that forever."

Their love story is as pure and true as the natural beauty at New River Gorge.

Please join me in wishing Katie Berg and Tye Covey a lifetime of adventures together as Wild and Wonderful as West Virginia itself.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize April 30, 2022, as National Therapy Animal Day. Pet Partners therapy animal teams throughout Mississippi play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond. Pet Partners animal teams make millions of visits per year in settings such as hospitals, schools and hospices. Pet Partners therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literary challenges, and those approaching the end of life. These exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need.

There is a growing body of research that demonstrates the various ways in which therapy animals can make a difference in a person's life. They are believed to improve mental wellness by decreasing fear, anxiety, loneliness, and isolation. They may also influence our physical health, lowering perceived levels of pain, shortening recovery times, and help-

ing those who are ill have a positive outlook about their future.

In the State of Mississippi, we encourage our citizens to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers. Further, I publicly salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation.

On this day, I also wish to recognize Phillip and Kimberly Jackson, owners of For the Puppies Training Academy. I commend them for their hard work and steadfast dedication to training dogs for pet owners and to enhance the lives of others through their own therapy dogs—Pretzel and Oreo.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT PAUL CIVIC SYMPHONY

### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Saint Paul Civic Symphony as they celebrate their 75th anniversary of music-making in Minnesota's capitol city. Founded in 1945, the Saint Paul Civic Symphony is St. Paul's oldest orchestra, and was created to provide World War II servicemen returning from war with a way to reenter into the music community.

The symphony was established with four fundamental objectives—to provide the greater Saint Paul Community with free concerts with a wide range of symphonic literature, to provide musicians with an opportunity to perform in a high-quality symphony, to serve children in the community by offering interactive and imaginative performances to instill in them a love of music, and to deepen ties with their sister orchestra, the Nagasaki Symphony, and nurture cultural exchange between both cities.

This year the symphony has commissioned a new piece of music by local composer Steve Heitzeg titled "Green Hope after Black Rain (Symphony for the Survivors of Manzanar, Hiroshima and Nagasaki)" which reflects upon and celebrates the unique relationship between the Saint Paul Civic Symphony and the Nagasaki Symphony. This relationship as sister symphonies was the first affiliation of its kind in the United States, and fosters a fruitful exchange of repertoire and musicians between the orchestras.

The Saint Paul Civic Symphony has been a pillar of the arts in our community for many decades, and while this year actually marks their 76th season of performances, delays from the coronavirus pandemic have postponed their anniversary celebration to this spring. Music, like all forms of art, enriches our culture and our community, especially during challenging times like these past few years. And I am grateful to the volunteers, board of directors, musicians and music director Jeffrey Stirling, who are all deeply committed to supporting the arts and the mission of the Saint Paul Civic Symphony. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Saint Paul Civic Symphony as they return to in-person performances and celebrate their momentous 75th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of San Jacinto College, located in Harris County, Texas. For more than six decades, San Jacinto College has established itself as an educational trailblazer in the greater Houston area. The college has an outstanding reputation for providing affordable, high-quality instruction and training in more than 200 degrees and certificate programs.

On September 18, 1961, San Jacinto College first opened its doors to the citizens and communities of East Harris County in a rented storefront in downtown Pasadena, Texas. The newly-formed institution was named the East Harris County Union Junior College. Their initial enrollment of 876 students was, at the time, the largest for any junior college in Texas. In its second year of operation, the college was awarded full accreditation by the Texas Association of Colleges and Universities. A few decades later, in December of 1995, the college adopted its current name, the San Jacinto Community College District.

Over the past 60 years, San Jacinto College has opened additional campuses and centers, including San Jacinto College North in 1975, San Jacinto College South in 1979, a Martine Technology and Training Center in 2016, and a Generation Park Campus in 2020. The college also oversees the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology in Pasadena and the EDGE Center at the Houston Spaceport in Houston.

To date, San Jacinto College has awarded certificates and associate degrees to more than 93,000 graduates. Additionally, since 1980, 175,000 continuing enrollments have helped create a skilled workforce across the greater Houston region. For their outstanding efforts in 2017 and 2021, the Aspen Institute recognized San Jacinto College as one of the top five community colleges in the nation.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent several of San Jacinto College's campuses and centers and congratulate them for more than half a century of excellence in education. I have no doubt that they will continue to enrich the workforce and surrounding communities for decades to come.

HONORING ALICIA TULLO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Alicia Tullo was born in Mindanao, Southern Philippines. She attended the San Pedro College School of Nursing and earned her bachelor's degree

in nursing from Far Eastern University in the Philippines. She also earned a bachelor's degree in Health and Human Sciences from Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida. She later earned a master's degree in Nursing Administration and Education from Mountain State University, West Virginia.

Mrs. Tullo has held several positions in the medical field. She is so passionate about her field that she has dedicated her time to teaching others. Mrs. Tullo has worked as a Nurse Educator at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami Dade College School of Nursing, Everest University in Healthcare Administration programs, and the American College for Medical Careers in Orlando.

Mrs. Tullo was previously the Director of Nursing Services at John F. Kennedy Hospital in Palm Beach, Florida. She also owned and operated a medical billing company and consulted in physician practice management. Mrs. Tullo also owned and operated a free-standing breast imaging & diagnostic center in Maitland, Florida. She has held the position of Program Director at Remington College and is currently an adjunct professor.

Her contributions to our community do not end there. Mrs. Tullo is a member of Rotary International. She previously served on the Board of Trustees for the YMCA/YWCA, Community Health Services of Muscatine County, Iowa. She is currently serving as the President of the Philippine Nurses Association of Central Florida. Mrs. Tullo also organized a nutrition program for an Elementary School in a remote village in the Southern Philippines and conducts medical missions to remote villages in the Southern Philippines every 2 years.

Mrs. Tullo is an active member of Sigma Theta Tau, an Honor Society in Nursing. She currently serves as Board of Trustees for the Philippine Nurses Association of America Foundation providing humanitarian relief services to victims of disease and disasters in the Philippines.

She is a Girl Scouts leader and lifetime member. She has served as a lector and Eucharistic minister at various churches for over 50 years. Mrs. Tullo has served as the Board of Directors for the Philippine Cultural Foundation of Florida, which works to educate Filipino Americans and the general public about the culture of the Philippines. She is also an active member of the Florida Action Coalition, which aims to advance the nursing profession and ensure that all Floridians can access safe, high quality health care.

Mrs. Tullo is married to a physician and has one daughter.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. MARK E. HAMISTER

**HON. CHRIS JACOBS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Mark E. Hamister, who passed away on August 20, 2021, at the young age of 69.

Mr. Hamister was born on October 18, 1951, in Western New York, where he lived

most of his life. Mr. Hamister's love of Western New York led to his unwavering devotion to our region and dedication to improving the lives of its residents.

Mr. Hamister's entrepreneurial spirit began at 15 years old when he started two businesses, a neighborhood lawn mowing business and Kenmore Engine Service. Later, while part of Junior Achievement he invented the O-Cello sponge. While attending Rochester Institute of Technology, he established RIT Students Cooperative, Inc. From RIT he worked his way to become the Administrator of the Shire at Culverton Assisted Living Facility. On June 1, 1977, he officially launched his career after buying an assisted living residence in LeRoy, NY and founded National Health Care Affiliates, Inc. After improving his first assisted living residence, he purchased others over the next 44 years. In 1998, he entered the professional sports business. He was awarded an expansion franchise in the Arena Football League for Buffalo, the Buffalo Destroyers. Mr. Hamister grew Hamister Group, LLC into one of the top investors in middle-market hotels and senior housing residences. Today, Hamister Group, LLC manages over 20 properties that employs over 900 people, spanning seven states.

Dedicated to making Buffalo, and Western New York as a whole, the best place it could be, Mr. Hamister was willing to work with anyone to help improve our region. Mr. Hamister was involved in numerous local organizations with community business leaders that worked to improve the City of Buffalo. He was actively involved in several local civic groups, boards of directors, and organizations, including the Republican National Committee, Invest Buffalo Niagara, the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, Empire State Development, Erie County Cultural Resources Advisory Board, University at Buffalo, Rochester Institute of Technology, Shea's Performing Arts Center, and Buffalo Seminary. His involvement and dedication to his community was recognized with numerous well-deserved awards for his entrepreneurship and leadership. These awards include the Buffalo Business First Lifetime Achievement Award, being named a Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Laureate, and in 1992, Mr. Hamister was named as an Entrepreneur of the Year for New York State. Nationally recognized repeatedly, as one of the fastest growing companies with Inc. 500/5000 magazine and a member of the Inc. 500/5000 Hall of Fame.

Mr. Hamister also founded the Mark E. Hamister Foundation, which supports education, healthcare, and community service programs. The foundation primarily supports Western New York, Raleigh, NC and Southern Florida. The Foundation has supported organizations such as the University at Buffalo, Roswell Park, Cleveland Clinic, St. Gregory's Episcopal Church of Boca Raton, the Junior Achievement program, and the National Comedy Center to name a few.

Mr. Hamister was a devoted son, husband, father and grandfather. He had a strong faith and instilled his values into his family and Hamister Group, which laid the foundation of the company's culture.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating Mr. Hamister's life, in honoring his work, and all his achievements.